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ROLL CALL BEGINS
TELEVISION POLICE PROGRAM

WHAT BEGAN IN A GAS STATION THAT had been converted to a television studio is now Bloomington's longest running cable program. For 25 years, Bloomington Police have kept residents up-to-date on crime through a weekly television program. *Bloomington Police Weekly Magazine* first aired in 1981. It was the idea of retired Officer Jerry Maher.

"Looking for different community-related, crime-prevention programs, we came up with a television show," Maher said. "The show gave citizens an inside look at the department while presenting a more personal, human side of police."

Crime Time, a spin-off from the original show, took over in 1994 and ran through May. At that time, *Roll Call*, named after the briefings officers receive before every shift, debuted. Officers Heidi Miller and David Caulfield



produce *Roll Call's* weekly scripts.

"We find out what happened

during the week from officers around the department," Caulfield said. "*Roll Call* features crime statistics, police events, crime prevention tips and interviews."

Communications Division's Grant Parker, photo left, edits the show and adds graphics and photos. He and graphics staff created the show's new look.

"*Roll Call* was updated with much of what we already had," Parker said. "We added new artwork to the set along with some additional lights and gave the show a splashy new introduction."

Although the look of the program has changed over the years, the goal is still the same.

"We want citizens to know about the good things we do," Miller said. "We want to keep in touch with the community because working together prevents crimes."



Roll Call airs Fridays, at 6 p.m., on The Bloomington Channel 14. The show is also available on the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Roll Call.



ON AIR

Sergeant Linda Miller and Officer Jerry Maher on the set of *Bloomington Police Weekly Magazine* in 1981.



exposed to many dangers outdoors, including larger predators, disease and traffic."

For more information, call Animal Control at 952-563-4942.

A WORD FROM ANIMAL CONTROL

ORDINANCE PROHIBITS PETS FROM ROAMING FREELY

MOST PET OWNERS ARE AWARE OF THE City ordinance requiring dogs be kept under restraint at all times. But did you know that cats are also prohibited from roaming freely?

No animal is allowed to be at large within the City. Cats and other pets must always be kept on the owner's property. Dogs need to be on a leash controlled by a responsible person or, if on the owner's property, restrained by a secure fence, chain or cable in backyard or under voice control of a person who is present with the animal.

Cats are predators that can significantly decrease the population of song birds and smaller animals, according to Animal Control Officer Bill Forbes. Unlike wildlife that depends on prey for survival, cats are domestic animals that will keep hunting. Cats can also be a nuisance for flower gardens.

The ordinance guards the health, safety and quality of life of residents, but also protects the animal.

"The life expectancy of indoor cats is far higher than that of cats allowed to roam outside," Forbes said. "Cats are

If you've been a player or associated with Bloomington hockey, you know Denny May. He has a stack of cards from well-wishers on his retirement. Star Tribune sports columnist Sid Hartman mentioned May's retirement in his column on June 29, which was also May's 70th birthday.

May says what he'll miss most is the interaction with people. He credits longtime BIG employees Andy Baltgalvis, now manager, and Bob Carr with making his job a lot easier.

"I enjoyed the friendships I made and seeing the kids progress," he said. "I could have stayed at BIG forever."

A BIG CONTRIBUTOR WILL BE MISSED

DENNY MAY RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS

LOGGING 60 HOURS AT THE BLOOMINGTON Ice Garden (BIG) was



an easy week for former Manager Denny May. He spent so much time at BIG, his wife Patricia jokes that now that he's retired, she sees too much of him.

Let's Play Hockey Editor Dave McMahon said May is believed to have

been the longest-tenured ice arena manager in Minnesota. May began at BIG in 1970, one month before the rink opened. He was the sole manager for 36 years. Before that, he worked four years at Edina's Braemar Arena.

In 1970, there were only five rinks in the metropolitan area. Today almost every community has an ice rink. BIG began with one rink and has grown to three rinks with a seating capacity of 2,500.

Hockey is one of May's favorite sports. Some winters he would build a rink, complete with lights, in his backyard. It was a favorite hangout for his three sons, daughter and some neighborhood kids.

HERE TO SERVE YOU
MOST FREQUENTLY USED CITY SERVICES

FOUND A LOST DOG? NEED A BUILDING inspection? Whatever information you need – you've got our number. The following is a list of the most frequently called City services. For a comprehensive list, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Phone directory.

Police/Fire/Medical Response 911
If you cannot complete a call using 911, call 952-563-4900.

Animal Shelter
952-563-4942

Business and Pet Licenses
952-563-8728

Center for the Arts
952-563-8881

Creekside Community Center
952-563-4944

Dwan Golf Course
952-563-8702

Housing, financial assistance, health insurance, food or transportation needs, legal services, childcare
952-563-4957

Hyland Greens Golf Course
952-563-8868

Inspections:

Building
952-563-8930

Electrical
952-563-8931

Fire
952-563-8933

Heating
952-563-8930

Plumbing
952-563-8932

Job Information Line
952-563-8810

Mayor/City Council
952-563-8782

Motor Vehicle
952-563-8719

Noise, weeds, problem properties
952-563-8934

Parks and Recreation
952-563-8877

Police non-emergency
952-563-4900

Property Information
952-563-8722

Public Health
952-563-8900

Recycling
952-563-8750

Section 8 Housing
952-563-8937

Sewer and Water 24-Hour Emergency
952-563-4905

Sewer and Water Billing
952-563-8726

Voter Registration
952-563-8729

TTY (Text telephone)
952-563-8740

